Thousands of Mothers and Little Ones Rejoice That the Tribune Fresh Air Work Begins June 20

9,508 Youngsters Were Given Outings in the Country Last Summer.

More than Three Thousand Made Happy by the Fields and Woods in One Day.

Thousands of mothers and children in New York City will rejoice at the news that the yearly work of the Tribune Fresh Air Association will open June 2 The annual report of the association for last year, just issued, shows that 9,508 children were benefited by the fund last year, made happier, healthier and stronger and better American citizens. The beneficent extent of the work is fully shown in the report, which is as follows During the summer of 1913, the thirty-

seventh of its existence, the Tribune Fresh Air Fund provided country outings for 9,508 poor children of New York City. The first of these children were sent on their way toward vacation land on June 4, the last group returned to

The high tide of the season's work was reached July 23. On the morning of that day more than three thousand tenement selves in country places. The day preceding had established the season's record for the number of children sent away in a single day, 881 lads and lasses.

Albion safely and were hospitably entertained for 3ve weeks. We found places where three of the children can stay all winter—in good homes, where they will be well cared for. It was very touching to see that

This is one of the big pictures in any andeed the biggest—of the summer's work. The indeed the biggest—of the summer's work.

Three thousand boys and girls scattered over six states, enjoying vacations at the four who are here are so much better off! same time, awakened from sleep in the ero ed streets; breathing the sweet air ings. The letter follows: of the country, instead of the dead at-

greatest. Every effort was made, therefore, to make this the most active period in the summer's campaign. This statement is further emphasized by the fact that fully two-thirds of all the children their outings before the end of July.

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An examination of the detailed financial report submitted herewith will reveal to what extent the ideal set forth was attained during 1913.

transportation fares to and from their are covered by special contributions to the fund, from special sources, and for the specific purposes indicated.

At no time in its history has there appeared in a Tribune Fresh Air Fund financial statement any charge for general executive expenses. These have always been borne by certain sponsors of ork who prefer that no public record of their support be made.

Some "Fresh Air" Results.

Two general kinds of philanthropic activity are recognized to-day: corrective work, or that which looks to the future and aims by advice and education ultimately to put its beneficiaries beyond the need of philanthropic aid; and relief work, or that which aims to meet present needs and relieve present suffer-Fresh air work is generally con sidered to be of the latter kind. Primarily it aims to give temporary relief, during the hot weather, to the children of the streets. And when it has done this, adding to the actual relief afforded a fortnight or more of unrestrained fun and frolic, and has brought the children back to the city brown, bright of eye and abounding in health and pleasant mem-

closed book. But while it does all this for practically this sort of outing brings in its train. every boy and girl sent away, it is an easily ascertained fact that, in many, this connection of the children for whom home circle must of necessity be lacking. many cases the fresh air outing continues to make history long after the end were received by generous country peo- argument in favor of the change in emof the fortnight actually spent in the country and becomes, to the extent that it does this, corrective philanthropy of for two weeks. As a matter of fact, how- is the gift of a private host than when the most valuable kind. Nor is any ref- ever, hundreds were kept for periods it is provided at one of the homes superence intended here to the fact that the ranging from three weeks to two months; ported by the fund. It will, therefore, physical improvement attendant upon the while no inconsiderable number are still outing inevitably affects the welfare of with their hosts of the summer. the child for some months after its re- lengthening of the vacation period came, money if the proportion of those proturn to the city. A few instances that in most cases, as a result of the realizahave come to notice within the last few tion on the part of the entertainer that while the number of those cared for in

and her seven children were sent by the came because of the interest or affection Tribune fund to Albion, N. Y., for an outing. At the end of their stay, the Enthusiasm of Co hostess, who had entertained the eldest of the daughters, offered to give her a Tribune Fund has been done in two ways: that branch from which the emphasis is permanent home. Naturally enough under the circumstances, the mother was glad to accept the offer. Since that first (2) by entertaining children at institu- Fund's plans. They grew up in response some mistakes would inevitably be made. to Albion each year. Toward the close in co-operation with, the fund. In the less never come when it will be possible and set itself to reduce the grounds for or last season there came to the omce of the earlier years of the work it was entirely to do without them. Certain classes of it to a minimum Albion hosts, from which the following of the first kind. As the years went by children can be cared for in no other. The first of the evils enumerated results

TRIBUNE "FRESH AIRS" IN THE DELAWARE RIVER AT DEPOSIT, N. Y.



away in a single day, Mi laus and lasses. It was very touching to see that by actual count, having set out smiling mether sit in church and watch her eld and expectant for the scenes of their vacations.

This is one of the hig pictures—if not in every way as sweet and attractive as any of the other place in the church choir, in every way as sweet and attractive as any of the other place.

A similar instance is described in a morning by the song of the robin, in-stead of the roar of the city; playing the stead of the roar of the city; playing the day through in sunlit fields and wide an organization which each year recomng woods, instead of in dingy, mends many children for Tribune out-

Family Goes to Country.

was a growing boy. Though a city waif, the little girl, during her visit, won for herself the respect and affection of the family by whom she was entertained. From time to time, as the years passed, Practically no balance has been carried friends; and now, after more than a decover from the year's receipts. On the

handling of the children in the city, their December 4 might have had his attention vacation places, the cost of supplies at attracted by a group of a score or more the various Tribune homes, and the hire of the attendants necessary to secure the

> two weeks' outing on the farm. The boys which invitations were extended, and had a good time and returned to their that not grudgingly. their host and he took a fancy to them; 1912 also. ing their Fresh Air outing. The enjoy- Fund have been set down at length be- home was established ment which the boys got out of the out- cause they seem to point to a definite No changes were made in the general ing bids fair to be overshadowed by the conclusion-namely, that it is time to character of the work done at the homes.

stances because they illustrate the kind portion of each summer's beneficiaries undernourished children. At still another of results which arise from a sort of by finding places for them among kind home none but negro children were re-Fresh Air work peculiar to the Tribune friends in the country who will receive ceived. The age limit of former years-Fund, at least in this metropolitan dis- them as guests for a fortnight or longer. five to twelve years-was continued in trict. That is to say, they are the results of sending children out for vacations to outing will not, of course, be as striking "little mothers" were entertaind, and at families in the country, who entertained as those in the instances given, but to the Denville camp, where boys up to fif-them at the fund's solicitation, not for the force of these examples may be teen years of age were admitted. Each pay, but as guests and friends. Nor are added the judgment that, under proper home was in charge of a staff of eduthe instances cited isolated cases, but conditions, the average child will be cated men and women, selected because vacation has been accomplished, and it typical ones selected from many. And, more greatly benefited by a fortnight's of their adaptability to the work to be might seem-for the season at least-a at the most, they illustrate quite inade- stay in the home circle of some kindly done. About two-thirds of the number

months will illustrate what is meant. the child needed a longer outing for the latter way is decreased. During the summer of 1908 a widow physical upbuilding; in other cases, it

Enthusiasm of Country People.

(1) By securing vacation places for chil- turned. Fresh Air camps and homes fill dren in the manner indicated above; an important place in the Tribune carrying out of so great an enterprise, tional Fresh Air homes supported by, or to a real need, and the time will doubt- and has year by year listened to criticism and the work increased, however, the way than by providing accommodations usually from the overlapping of the work Mrs. B. and her six children reached, idea of providing for the children at the for them in such centres. It would be of different organizations doing fresh air

WHAT TRIBUNE FRESH AIR FUND DOES AND WHAT IT COSTS.

9,508 children sent to the country for two weeks' stay in 1913. Total cost, \$43,089 79.

Average cost per child, \$453. Voluntary contributions from the public, \$39,650 40.

Children sent to country in 37 years of Fund's work, 305,357. Expenditures in 37 years, \$928, 046 14.

Average cost, \$3 04.

of the country, instead of the dead atmosphere of their native tenements—at least it meant much to the three thousand!

That the high tide in the season's work was reached at the particular time mentioned was not due to chance. It was known that at about this time in the summer city conditions would be most trying and the need of relief from them greatest. Every effort was made, there-

due, doubtless, to the rise of the belief that the interest of the rural population But the hest part of the story is that the Bakers (Viadimir's entertainers) tried to get the mother and the remaining boy, who is sixteen years old, to go to Angelica to live, and they have at last gone there. The older boy immediately got a good position, the mother is promised work and they have a decent little house to live in.

The Public's Money—How Used.

To cover the expenses of the season's work, \$43,689.79 was disbursed. The average cost of each child's outing was thus a fraction more than \$4.53.

Of the total amount expended for the office of the total amount expended for the office of the cost of many years are season's the manner of the total amount expended for the office of the total amount expended for the office of the cost of many years. in the original sort of Fresh Air work

The work was introduced as practically a new thing into Port Jervis, N. Y., last year, and, despite the fact that the she was invited to revisit her vacation in August, a committee found open doors other, hand, no expenses have been charged against the contributions of the centres, that the results obtained were double or treble those of the preceding

active local committees secured invita-Last summer a young man, a resident tions approaching or exceeding in numof New Britain, Conn., and owner of a ber the three hundred mark. There were, farm not far from that city, took twenty-

an institutional home, where the inti- with the Tribune Fund in the past. Still another statement is of interest in mate touch and the good influence of the

It remains to add one unanswerable This ber of children with a given amount of

Fresh Air Homes' Value.

To suggest a shifting of emphasis from one branch of the work to another

unreasonable, for example, to ask persons to take convalescent children into their homes. Negro children, too, must for the greater part be looked after in this way. In the same case are the undernourished children who have been exposed to tuberculosis, a large number of whom the Tribune Fund sends away

Aside from this consideration, the homes and camps are invaluable in that they afford a constant supply of accommodations to which children can be sent with a minimum of effort and under a minimum of restriction as to age, sex. religion, nationality, etc., and where they can be given fresh air, good food and clean surroundings while they romp and play the fertnight through

During the season of 1913 eleven Fresh Air centres were maintained in connec-Cottage, Beneway Home, Ashford Mill. two careful physical examinations.

of friends of the children at Fairfield, head last season. Conn., the village in which the home is located. Two others of the homes- | thiness of the boys and girls selected for Beneway Home, at Claverack, N. Y., and outings by proving that the nine or ten

ciety contributed \$500 toward the running expenses of the home, in this way making it possible to extend by two weeks the period for which it was open. The Children's Aid Society of New York generously co-operated with The Tribune Fund by granting it, at an almost nominal rental, the use of the Denville camp and camp equipment, developments having made it seem inadvisable for the Children's Society to maintain the place.

Shepherd Knapp Home Grows.

The growth of the Shepherd Knapp Home, at Litchfield, Conn., in the last few years calls for special mention in reporting the activities of 1913. When of the attendants necessary to secure the comfort and welfare of the guests at these homes. Other items which appear one of the supreme moments of their lives Pittsfield, Mass., and at Scranton, Penn., inally it consisted of a single building and twenty-six acres of land. No increase has been made in the area of the land held, but since the founding of the home new buildings and improvements have two of the Tribune Fund's proteges for a about three hundred other localities from been added year by year, through the generosity of various members of the Knapp family, until there are now seven homes much improved physically. Better The same spirit of co-operation was buildings in the group and the home has than that, they made an impression on everywhere evident during the season of a capacity of from 250 to 209 children. The latest addition was made last spring. so much so, in fact, that he has since kept track of the lads. They composed the relations of hosts and children and the taining dining rooms, store rooms, kitchen party at the Hippodrome, and the host foregoing facts concerning the readiness and refrigerating room. This was the of the occasion was again the young man of the country people to open their who had entertained them so royally dur-

continued friendship of the man who pro- return the emphasis in the work to the One was devoted exclusively to "little original method of doing that work and mothers," one to convalescents and two to endeavor to provide for a greater pro- others, during a part of the season, to The results attendant upon each such force, except at Eunice Home, where the quately the many sided benefits which host than by a stay of equal length in were experienced workers who had been

Problems of the Work

When Fresh Air work is criticised against it are usually three:

 One child is often given two or three outings in a summer, while other children, though deeply needy, go without any.
(2) Children sent away are not always physicall: clean.

(3) Children selected for outings are frequently not worthy—at least, not the most worthy.

These criticisms are made chiefly by the country people who entertain the children. They are not new, nor are they, on the other hand, frequent, Notice is taken of them here in order that men-For many years the work of the is not necessarily to discredit or criticise tion may be made of the steps taken to eliminate the evils complained of. For the fund has recognized that, in the

Every Cent of the Public's Money Was Spent for the Children.

and Tanned Cheeks for Tenement Lads and Lassies.

the part of each as to the doings of the was justified.

To meet this situation the Tribune , a single complaint of a duplicated outing was received from a country host.

ways taken the point of view of the hosts ficiaries. in the country and have required absolute cleanliness and freedom from com- Air work time does not serve to treat. municable disease as the sine qua non of The day has passed when it is necessary acceptance of any child. The country to argue for the efficacy of the work; host has a right to demand this. He can- moreover, the work has been so widely not be expected to be willing to expose discussed in the last quarter of a century his family to the dangers which the adop- that its general effects are well known. tion of any other standard would involve. There can be no doubt that, for the aver-Strictness along this line is even more age city child a fortnight in the country necessary in the case of children enter- is a source of great benefit and unboundtained at Tribune homes, where large ed enjoyment, provided the fortnight be numbers of children would be constantly spent under healthful and pleasant condiexposed to infection were diseased or unciean children accepted for outings.

Ideal Is Aimed Yet.

No system has yet been devised which tion with the Tribune Fund-the Paul will infallibly shut out all the-from the Devereux Memorial Home, St. Helen's samtary point of view-unfit. Yet the Home, Denville Camp, Shepherd Knapp Home, Happy Land, Eunice Home, Elm applicant's condition is established by Manorville Farm and the Middletown- addition to this, his place of residence is Goshen Home for Convalescents. To- investigated, and no certificate is granted gether these had a capacity of 1,275 chil- if the Board of Health records show a dren at a time. All of them were kept case of contagious disease there. That filled through the greater part of the the examinations were not superficial in 1913 is indicated by the fact that not 50 As in former years, the hospitality ex- per cent of the children examined were tended at Happy Land was the contribu- accepted. When the number in review tion of Mrs. John S. Lyle to the Fresh is considered, it is inconceivable that Air cause, while that at St. Helen's no mistakes should have been made Home was due to the generosity of John in those passed; yet practically no spetaken up with enthusiasm last year in E. Parsons. Elm Cottage was the gift clic complaints were received on this

the children the greatest amount of good possible out of the money so contributed. It has been its modest boast through all the pears—for the comfort of those who wished to feel that their contributions wished to feel that their contributions were actually bringing joy and relieving were received in the reof the very needlest as could be located should be given first chance.

In order that the search for the worthiest cases might be as wide as possible. the general public was requested, through the columns of The Tribune, to inform

the fund of children thought to be in Many responded to the request. Every child so reported was looked up and sent away if its condition and circumstances warranted it.

Chiefly, however, the children sent away were recommended by 150 social service, educational, medical and religious organizations interested in the welfare of the New York poor. To the workers of these organizations the requirements and wishes of the fund were made known in detail, and upon their self-sacrificing shoulders was placed the burden of finding the needy and the worthy. No recommendation was considered without a signed statement from the worker, to the effect that the child recommended was known to this worker to be a proper subject for a Tribune outing, and had not Health and Fun, Bright Eyes already been given one outing during the

summer. On the ground of unworthiness of the children sent out there were received from country hosts or local fresh air committees during the summer of 1913 about a score of complaints, having to do work, the same child being sent away at with individual children. Every such different times by different organizations, complaint was carefully looked into by There is, of course, no desire on the part the fund's own investigator and a report of the agencies in question to duplicate submitted. The net results revealed not enefactions, the overlapping of activities half a dozen cases in which, from any growing out of a lack of information on reasonable point of view, the complaint

Railroads Alded Work.

The 9,508 children who were given out-Fund last year initiated a movement for ings left New York in 224 different parties a general interchecking of the lists of varying in size from 10 to 300. In charge prespective Fresh Air beneficiaries of all agencies engaged in this work in New York City. The Air beneficiaries of all of these parties were 293 escorts, who York City. The machinery for this interchecking already existed in the Social welfare of the children on the trip. As Cervice Exchange. The movement was far as is known, not a single accident ocentered into heartly by a large number curred in connection with the travelling of organizations, and, as far as the Trib. of the children during the entire summer. une Fund was concerned, proved an entire success. Throughout the season not given to the railroads which carried the children, the railroad attendants invariawas received from a country host.

In the matter of the cleanliness and safety of the "Fresh Airs." The railroads general physical condition of the fund's were also a great factor in the success of beneficiaries-the second point of criti- the season's work through the granting c sin-the officers of the society have al- of reduced fares for all Tribune bene-

Of the more obvious phases of Fresh tions. That such conditions obtain, perhaps the best proofs are the appearance and the report of Jack and Jill-or Tommy and Mary-as they romp off train and boat on their return home. Such proofs will be obtainable at first hand in almost any railroad terminus any day after the

30th of June next summer. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SEASON OF 1913. Secretary Is Expected to

RECEIPTS.

Receipt of balance from the Tribune
Fresh Air Fund, season of 1912.....
Contributions from the public duly
acknowledged in The Tribune, including \$1,30,71. a special contribution
from the three children of the late
Shepherd Knapp to cover cost of a
new building at the Shepherd Knapp
Home
Special contribution Special contribution to the Tribun-Fresh Air Fund to cover cost of post

EXPENDITURES. cost of maintaining the five homes at Ashford Hill and Deposit, N. Y.; Denville and Chapel Hill, N. J., and Litch-field, Conn., where 4,200 chil-

Wages and expenses of medi-cal examiners, etc., for ex-amining, investigating and preparing children for the country Wages and expenses of advance agents for securing invita-tions to the country for the children

Taxes at Ashford Hill

We, the undersigned, find upon examination of the books and accounts of the Tribune Fresh Air Fund that the sum of \$43.174.68 has been received during the senson of 1912, which includes a balance of \$9.25 brought over from the season of 1912, a special contribution of \$1.929.71 to cover the cost of a new refectory erected at the Snepherd Knapp Home, and also the sum of \$3,425, a special contribution to the Fresh Air Fund to cover the cost of postage, stationery, etc., and that the expenses have been \$43,089.79, according to the statements and vouchers submitted by Leslie M. Conly, the manager of the fund, showing a balance on hand of \$34.89. We also find that the entire expenditure has been made for the actual work of selecting and sending the beneficiaries of the fund to the country and for the care and maintenance of the homes at Ashford Hill and Deposit, N. Y. Denville and Chapel Hill, N. J., and Altchfield, Conn., with the exceptions above noted.

PRANCIS LYNDE STETSON, CLEVELAND H. DODGE.
Auditing Committee of the Trustees of the Tribune Fresh Air Fund Ald Society.

WORK OF THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS.

For the purpose of comparison a summary is subjoined of what has been ac complished by the Tribune Fresh Air Fund during the thirty-seven years of

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N. Y. SUBWAY CASE **UP TO M'ADOO TODAY**

Announce Decision This Week.

Washington, May 31.-Secretary Mc-Adoo is scheduled to be at his deck tomorrow morning, and one of the first things to which he will give attention is the subway controversy in New York.

Since Mr. McAdoo went on his honey moon little or nothing has been done so far as he is concerned to let the subway builders know where they stand. Tomorrow morning, however, he will find the report of District Attorney Marshall awaiting him, in addition to a supplemental report from Colonel Fry, the engineer of the Treasury Department.

Mr. Marshall's report will deal with the legal phase of the controversy. It is now in the hands of Attorney General Mc-Reynolds, who will turn it over to Mr. McAdoo to-morrow morning. Colonel Fry's report will deal ing features.

After going over the reports Mr. Mc-Adoo will announce his decision, which, it is expected, will come the latter part of the week

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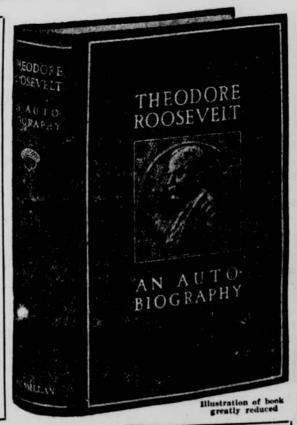
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